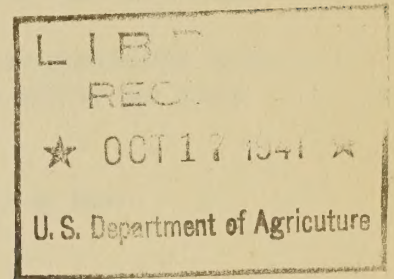


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SUMMARY OF SURVEY
ON
NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CHARTER



This summary is a compilation of the answers to a questionnaire sent to State Club Leaders on the use and suggestions for revision of the National 4-H Club Charter.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. Extension Service
Washington, D. C.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

Know all men by these presents, that I, the undersigned, for and in behalf of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears on the records of the State of Texas.

WITNESSED my hand and the seal of the State of Texas at Austin, this 1st day of January, 1900.

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April 7, 1941.

TO ALL STATE CLUB LEADERS:

A number of inquiries from State Club Leaders during the past year indicate that there may be need for revising the National 4-H Club Charter. A committee in the Federal Extension Office is giving consideration to possible revisions. It is hoped that this committee may have some recommendations to make at the 1941 National Club Camp. A copy of the charter in use today is enclosed for your information.

The committee would like to have from you any suggestions concerning the revision of the charter. Will you please write us your suggestions regarding the following points:

1. How many National 4-H Club charters do you use annually in your State?
2. If you do not use the National 4-H Club charter, do you have a charter designed particularly for your State? If so, please send us a copy.
3. When do you award the charter to clubs in your State?
 - (a) Soon after club is organized?
 - (b) At end of club year?
4. What is your procedure or ceremony for presenting charter to club?
5. What suggestions do you have for:
 - (a) Changes in the design of the charter.
 - (b) Changes in wording on charter.
 - (c) Changes in the size of charter.
 - (d) Changes in signatures.
 - (e) Changes regarding achievement seals.
6. Please send us a copy of rules and regulations governing the awarding of 4-H Club charters in your state.
7. Any other comments regarding the charter.

The committee will appreciate your reply to this letter by May 1, 1941.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Chas. E. Potter,
Field Agent.

Enclosure.

REPLIES TO CIRCULAR LETTER REGARDING
4-H CLUB CHARTER

P A R T I

State	No. of national charters used annually	Special State charters	When charter is awarded*			Procedure or ceremony in presenting charter to club
			(a)	(b)	(c)	
Arizona.....	100	No		x		At achievement time to leader and officers.
California.....	51 in 1940			x		Achievement Day, either day or evening program.
Colorado.....	500	No	x		x	None.
Florida.....	5 to 25				x	No particular ceremony, presented different times.
Florida..... (Blacklock)						
Florida..... (Keown)		Certificate used.				
Idaho.....	300				x	Mailed or handed to leaders by agents.
Illinois.....	350					
(girls' clubs)						
Indiana.....	about 400			x		No definite procedure, usually in county or local achievement programs.
Iowa.....	about 75	No			x	Varies with county. At county an- nual 4-H banquet, township farm meetings, or regular club meetings.
Kansas.....		Yes				
		Approx. 150				
Kentucky.....		State charters	Yes		x	On special occasions.
Louisiana.....		Yes	x			Agents take care of ceremonies of presentation.
		Yes	x			
Maine.....	Approx. 125	No		x		Presented to local leader at county meeting of club members, leaders and friends.

* (a) Soon after club is organized.

(b) At end of club year.

(c) Other than (a) or (b).

REPLIES TO CIRCULAR LETTER REGARDING
4-H CLUB CHARTER

P A R T I (Continued)

State	No. of national charters used annually	Special State charters	When charter is awarded*			Procedure or ceremony in presenting charter to club
			(a)	(b)	(c)	
Maryland (Jenkins)	75	No	X	X		Usually at some achievement meeting.
Massachusetts	None	Yes	X	X		Usually at time of final exhibit or achievement programs in fall.
Michigan	None	No				Achievement days in the fall.
Minnesota	500	No	X			Community or county achievement day.
Mississippi	Do not use many	Yes	X	X		No particular ceremony.
Missouri	2500	No		X	X	No particular procedure. Would be de- sirable to have ceremony for such.
Montana	250	No				When there is a ceremony it is at the time of local achievement meeting.
Nebraska	1000	No				Special procedure at local club meeting.
Nevada	12	No		X		At some public meeting or adult meeting.
New Hampshire	100	No		X		
New Jersey	100 to date-just started plan	Yes	X			
New Mexico		300 copies of State charter	X			
New York	350 to 400				X	No ceremony required. Recommends that County 4-H Council be divided into teams for chartering new clubs.
North Carolina	25 to 30				X	
North Dakota	No charters used.	Plan to start using them within the next year.				
Ohio	None	Yes		X		Given out at achievement meeting.
Oklahoma	100	No		X		Usually at achievement banquet.
Oregon	2,000		X			Presented at some public function or at a club meeting.
Pennsylvania		Yes		X		Time of county round-up.
Puerto Rico	Do not use any charters but plan to start using them soon.					

REPLIES TO CIRCULAR LETTER REGARDING
4-H CLUB CHARTER

P A R T I (Continued)

State	No. of national charters used annually	Special State charters	When charter is awarded*			Procedure or ceremony in presenting charter to club
			(a)	(b)	(c)	
Rhodo Island....	35 - 50		x			Varies greatly but usually not much ceremony.
South Carolina.. (Johnson)	About 100				x	Left to counties. Recommend pre- sentation in county-wide Achieve- ment Day.
South Carolina.. (Lewis)	Approx. 150		x			Have no formal ceremony.
South Dakota....	33 ⁴	No			x	County rally day or meeting of club.
Tennessee.....	Have not been using National charter and do not have for charters.					State charter. Have had no requests
Vermont.....	50 plus	No	x			Presented on Achievement Day.
Texas.....	Have not been using charters but plan to start using them.				x	Annual achievement exercise, but plan to have county agent make award at their meetings.
Utah.....	750	No				
Virginia..... (Hughes)	Have never used charters but plan to start using them.					
Virginia..... (Elcan)	Have never used charters.					
Washington.....	165	No			x	By county agent at achievement day.
West Virginia...	Have not used charters for sometime.					
Wisconsin.....		Yes			x	Awarded at achievement day.
Wyoming.....	200 to 250	No			x	Awarded at achievement day, public meeting, or regular meeting of club.

P A R T II - SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES

State	Design	Wording	Size	Signature	Seals
Arizona.....	x*	0**	0	0	x
California.....	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado.....	0	0	x	0	0
Florida.....	0	0	0	0	0
(Blacklock)					
Florida.....					
(Keown)					
Idaho.....	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana.....	x			x	x
Iowa.....	x	x	x	0	x
Maine.....	x	0	x	0	x
Maryland.....	0	x	x	x	0
Massachusetts.....	x	x	0	x	x
Minnesota.....	0	0	x	0	0
Mississippi.....	x	x	x	x	x
Missouri.....	x	x	x	0	x
Montana.....	0	0	0		x
Nebraska.....	x				
New Hampshire.....	x	x	0		x
New Jersey.....	x	x	0	0	0
New York.....	0	x	0	x	x
Ohio.....	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma.....	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon.....	0	0	x	x	0
Puerto Rico.....	x				
Rhode Island.....		x	0	0	x
South Carolina.....	0		x		
(Johnson)					

* x. - Changes suggested.

** 0. - No changes.

P A R T II - SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES (Continued)

<u>State</u>	<u>Design</u>	<u>Wording</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Seals</u>
South Caroline.....	O**	X*	O	X	O
(Lewis)					
South Dakota.....	O	O	O	O	X
Texas.....	X	X	X	X	
Utah.....					
Vermont.....	O	O	O	O	O
Washington.....	X	X	O	O	X
Wisconsin.....	X	X			
Wyoming.....	X	X	X	O	X
Total 33	15	14	11	8	14

* X. - Changes suggested.
 ** O. - No changes.

P A R T III - SUGGESTED CHANGES

A. Design.

Arizona.....	Work out pattern around a very large 4-H four-leaf clover.
Indiana.....	Charter made up with an attractive cover such as those for modern diplomas.
Iowa.....	New border design. Suggests colored border. Border design does not represent girls' projects very well. Thinks it should be corrected.
Maine.....	Modernize designs.
Massachusetts.....	Modernize the whole charter, particularly the cuts in the design.
Mississippi.....	Include phases of 4-H activities along with project work in design.
Missouri.....	More typical club and project pictures, providing better balance between home economics and agriculture. Run charter in colors. Make illustrations to include heart "H" and health "H" as well as the head "H" and the hand "H."
Nebraska.....	Appropriate up-to-date pictures.
New Hampshire.....	Pictures in circles changed. Eliminate two smaller ones on sides and substitute for the four corner pictures either 4-H clover leaves in color or pictures representing 4-H's. If two pictures are to be placed one at top and one at bottom, have top one represent home and bottom one, the club.
New Jersey.....	Get modern characters. Could it be made more colorful; less "scrollie," more simple?
Puerto Rico.....	Insertion of a cut on citizenship, with American flag at top of charter.
Texas.....	Change design to symbolize the service club members render to homes and neighbors. Pictures show some family groups, and boys, girls and adults working together. Equal representation of boys and girls in design. 4-H emblem more prominent.
Washington.....	Space for more seals.
Wisconsin.....	Bring pictures up-to-date, giving a little more attention to home economics.
Wyoming.....	Scroll work and pictures reduced in size to give more room for signatures, seals.

P A R T III - SUGGESTED CHANGES (Continued)

B. Wording.

Iowa.....

The only place 4-H appears is in the line "Standard 4-H Club." The paragraph beginning "In recognition of" etc. could be made more effective if something else were included besides the statement that the club agrees "to carry on demonstrations." It should be broadened in line with broader objectives of club work.

Maryland.....

4-H Club should be more prominent.

Massachusetts.....

Emphasize the use of the words "4-H" in place of "Boys and Girls."

Mississippi.....

Use 4-H Club charter instead of boys' and girls' charter.

New Hampshire.....

Eliminate the words "boys' and girls'" and substitute "4-H."

New Jersey.....

Heading "4-H Boys and Girls Club Charter."

New York.....

Change the name "Boys' and Girls'" Club Charter to "4-H Club Charter."

Rhode Island.....

Change to "4-H" instead of "Boys' and Girls' Club." "An approved 4-H program"

instead of "demonstrations in agriculture and home economics."

South Carolina.....

Use "4-H Club Charter" instead of "Boys' and Girls' Club Charter."

(Lewis)

Texas.....

The word "standard" could be omitted.

Washington.....

Suggest the words "4-H Club" be used.

Wisconsin.....

Call charter "The 4-H Club Charter."

Wyoming.....

"4-H" be substituted for "boys' and girls'."

P A R T III - SUGGESTED CHANGES (Continued)

C. Size.

Colorado.....	
Iowa.....	
Maine.....	
Maryland.....	
Minnesota.....	
Mississippi.....	
Missouri.....	
Oregon.....	
South Carolina.....	
(Johnson)	
Texas.....	
Wyoming.....	

Charter be made smaller, as it is expensive to frame a large one.
Charter be made smaller, about 8½ by 11 inches, so it could be included in Secretary's record. Do not think many are framed and hung on the wall anyway.

Make charter smaller.
Charter should be 8½ by 11 inches.

Smaller charter, perhaps only half as large.

Do not change size of charter but diminish width of white margin by ½ inch to increase the space within the design.

Prefer 8½ by 11 inches, but doubt advisability of trying to condense it that much and make it indistinct.

Make charter smaller.

Not larger than a large manilla envelope.

A letter-sized charter might be more usable. Those clubs not desiring to have it framed could attach it to the club records.

Reduce size to about two thirds of its present size.

P A R T III - SUGGESTED CHANGES (Continued)

D. Signature.

Indiana.....	Recommends that the line upon which the State 4-H Club leader signs his name carry beneath it the printing "State 4-H Club Leader."
Maryland.....	Line added for county agent or home demonstration agent.
Massachusetts.....	Provision for signature of county agent.
Mississippi.....	Add county representative.
New York.....	Have director of extension and State club leader sign immediately under Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, and leave blank at bottom for county agent.
Oregon.....	Have the signature of Secretary of Agriculture, and also Director of Extension, State director of extension, State club leader, and county agent.
South Carolina..... (Lewis)	Remove additional line; three lines enough.
Utah.....	Add a line for signature of county agent.

P A R T III - SUGGESTED CHANGES (Continued)

E. Seals.

Arizona.....
 Indiana.....
 Iowa.....

 Maine.....
 Massachusetts.....
 Mississippi.....
 Missouri.....
 Montana.....
 New Hampshire.....
 New York.....
 Rhode Island.....
 South Dakota.....
 Washington.....

 Wyoming.....

Many clubs have been in existence for a period of years. Therefore, have a smaller seal, and allow space for years.

Space be indicated for more than 4 years' achievement.

More specific regulations should be laid down as to use of seals. Instead of using "first-year achievements," etc., use "first-year standard club," etc. Probably the date of original charter should be indicated somewhere on form.

With a smaller charter, seals should be proportionately smaller. Indicate places for seals beyond the fifth.

Might put seals across the bottom of charter.

Change first- to second-year achievement, have four seals for the fifth year, using charter as the only award for the first year.

Should like room for 10 seals and certainly room for a minimum of 5 seals.

Approximately eight additional spaces provided on charter.

Provision for at least 10 seals.

Provide space for more seals.

Place for more seals.

More space for achievement seals.

Present seal is satisfactory. Suggest in addition that a purple seal be available for 100 percent clubs--clubs that carry out all phases of program and complete records 100 percent.

More room for seals, and space for seals be made larger.

P A R T IV - RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF CHARTERS

Arizona.....

We have no published rules and regulations governing the awarding of charters. In the past we have been able to know rather well the work done by each club, as the number is not large.

California.....

Awards are made at end of the club year on basis of scores obtained from the California 4-H Club Charter Score Card.

Colorado.....

Membership of at least five working on same project, local club leader shall have charge during club year, local club organization with necessary officers shall be formed, written program of work made in triplicate form.

Florida.....
(Blacklock)

A membership of five or more, an adult local leader, club organization with a constitution, carefully worked out program for the year.

Idaho.....

Five or more members taking same project, officers elected from club members, local leader, definite program of work, six regular meetings during year, local exhibit annually. Demonstration or judging team shall give public demonstration in community, county, etc., or take part in one interclub contest, achievement day during club year.

Illinois.....

Five members working on same project, adult leader, elected officer, planned program of work for at least six meetings.

Iowa.....

Five members, elected officers, local leader, prepared program for the year.

Indiana.....

Five members working on same project, local leader, local club organization with officers, definite program of work, six regular meetings a year, one demonstration given before a community meeting, participate in competitive judging, show products in exhibit, 85 percent of members complete at least one project in which he is enrolled and submit completed record book to agent through leaders, participate in local or county achievement program.

Kansas.....

Use own State charter. Shall have five members, community leader, elected officers, organized on year-around basis, written program for year, eight or more regular meetings.

Kentucky.....

Use own State Charter. Upon official organization of club, election of officers and a program of work for year submitted.

Louisiana.....

Use State charter. Organized with officers, including local leader, membership of 10 members, hold six meetings, and request for charter comes through their agent.

Maine.....

Membership of five working on same project, local leader, necessary officers and duties, definite club-year program of work.

P A R T IV - RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF CHARTERS (Continued)

Maryland..... Use rules and regulations sent from United States Department of Agriculture.

Massachusetts..... No rules or regulations for State charter which is used.

Minnesota..... Five members working on same project, local leader, local club organization with necessary officers, and definite club year program of work.

Mississippi..... Five members working on same project, local leader, local club organization with necessary officers, definite program of work, eight regular meetings during the year, club exhibit held annually, community Achievement Day held annually, represented at each county-wide event, 75 percent of members keep complete and accurate records, and hold community judging contest in two subjects.

Missouri..... When club is properly organized as a standard club.

Montana..... First-year club has standard or higher rating on 4-H Club score card.

Nebraska..... When the first four standard club requirements are met.

Nevada..... A standard is set by a 4-H Club score card on which accomplishments are scored.

After local leader has scored club and sent the application blank with copy of score card to extension agent, the agent will check score and approve application to assistant director and award will be made under authority from State extension office.

New Hampshire..... Score card is used and when certain rating is attained, charter is awarded.

New Jersey..... Ten members enrolled in all projects, 5 members enrolled in any one project, constitution and bylaws, full set of officers, adult leader, yearly planned program of work, organization on permanent basis.

New Mexico..... Use their own charter. Membership of five working on same project, local leader, local club organization with necessary officers and duties, definite program of work for year.

New York..... Membership of five, local leader, club organization with constitution and bylaws and elected officers, definite program for club year.

North Carolina..... Score card is used and any club attaining score of 75 percent is rated as standard club and will receive a charter.

Ohio..... Adult adviser, five or more members, organization with constitution and officers, at least eight activities, such as meetings, tours, local and county trips, judging.

P A R T IV - RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF CHARTERS (Continued)

Oklahoma.....	Club must make a total score of at least 800 points, after the last meeting the secretary should total up score and submit it for approval to county and home demonstration agents who approve score and submit to State club office. If that office approves the score card, then a charter will be issued.
Oregon.....	As soon as club program has been received by State club leader, a charter is sent to club.
Pennsylvania.....	Use State charter. A charter with a gold seal is given to all clubs that have met the standard club requirements and members having completed 100 percent.
Rhode Island.....	Charter with silver seal is given to all clubs having met requirements of standard club and members having completed 85 percent.
South Carolina..... (Johnson)	Membership of at least five, adult local leader, local club organization with necessary officers and approved program for club year.
South Carolina..... (Lewis)	Use national requirements.
Vermont.....	Membership of at least five working on same project, local club leader in charge, local club organization with necessary projects, program of work covering period of demonstration activity.
Utah.....	When all 10 standard club requirements are met by club.
Washington.....	When club has completed its work 100 percent at end of club year, but plan to change and make award soon after the club is organized and award charter at this time. When club has completed its work 100 percent, shall receive gold seal.
Wyoming.....	Membership of five working on same project, elect own officers, meet 10 times during year, local leader in charge, definite plan of work.
	Membership of five enrolled in same project, local leader in charge, local club organization with necessary officers and a definite program of work for the year.

P A R T V - OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CHARTER

California.....

We feel that charters and seals coupled with our rules and regulations have done a great deal to improve quantity and quality of club work. Have increased percentage of completion of projects. Today have 82 percent completions as compared with 69 percent before charters were used.

Illinois.....

Thinks club charters should be done away with because most clubs have no central meeting place to display charter and few club members remember that charter exists. At one State conference, county home advisers said they did not think the charters were worth the trouble they caused.

Iowa.....

Not entirely satisfied that charters are being used to best advantage of club work. One difficulty is that so many clubs have been standard clubs for years. Some means should be found for recognizing such a program. Present charter does not lend itself for such use. Mainly, there is no date, and club could apply for a new charter every year if desired.

Massachusetts.....

We would like very much to use charter in Massachusetts and hope to do so by the time a new charter is out. Have changed whole pin system and would like to use charter to keep in step with other changes. Also change color of charter. This might be green against white or other colors as well might be used.

Michigan.....
Minnesota.....

What about "Home" in the pledge and creed?
Difficulty in getting charters. Could some plan be worked out whereby it would be possible to get charters without delay?

New Jersey.....

Definitely worth while. Has already done much to strengthen local clubs.

Oklahoma.....

Have found the use of charter in this State to be satisfactory.
Use of charter is very encouraging.

Pennsylvania.....
South Dakota.....

Adds permanency to club, as a club having charter is more likely to continue from year to year than one that does not. Charter in present form has many advantages as a tradition.

P A R T V - OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING THE CHARTER (Continued)

Vermont.....

Any year club completes 100 percent, club is denominated a 100 percent club and a gold ribbon is attached under edge of seal awarded for that year. Charter is usually hung in regular place for club meetings. When club ceases to function, charter may revert to State office or is hung in some public place. Clubs are very proud of charters and so is club community. The year club charter is awarded is placed at bottom of charter.

Texas.....
Virginia.....
(Elcan)

Helps clubs to develop more pride in its organizations.
Never advocated charter because of some question as to what constitutes a standard club. Unless the standards are higher than average club which is considered standard, so many charters would be awarded that they would not mean a great deal to anyone. Thinks it might be discussed at National Camp as one of the things that might be unified throughout country, leaving it optional with the States whether they care to use charter or not.

Washington.....

Charter is valuable tool in club program. Stimulates interest, adds prestige to work, and in many communities is part of achievement-day program to remove charter from wall and add to it another seal. Charter considered valuable because it would be impossible to obtain the signatures again that are now on them. Many of same charters are in use, being passed on from one group of young folks in community to next.

Wyoming.....

Only objection to charter is that not very many clubs use them after they are awarded, and they are mainly something to present to club at which time attention can be called to certain standards of achievement. Perhaps, if they achieve that purpose, would not be so concerned about whether they are displayed in a public place or not. Also have problem of 4-H community clubs, which need a different type of charter. Would be glad to have something to fill the needs of these larger clubs.

MISCELLANEOUS

One circular letter returned unsigned with the following notations:

Number of charters used annually, 1,500.

Charter awarded at end of club year.

Suggested change in wording: "In recognition for having attained the requirements of a standard 4-H Club."

